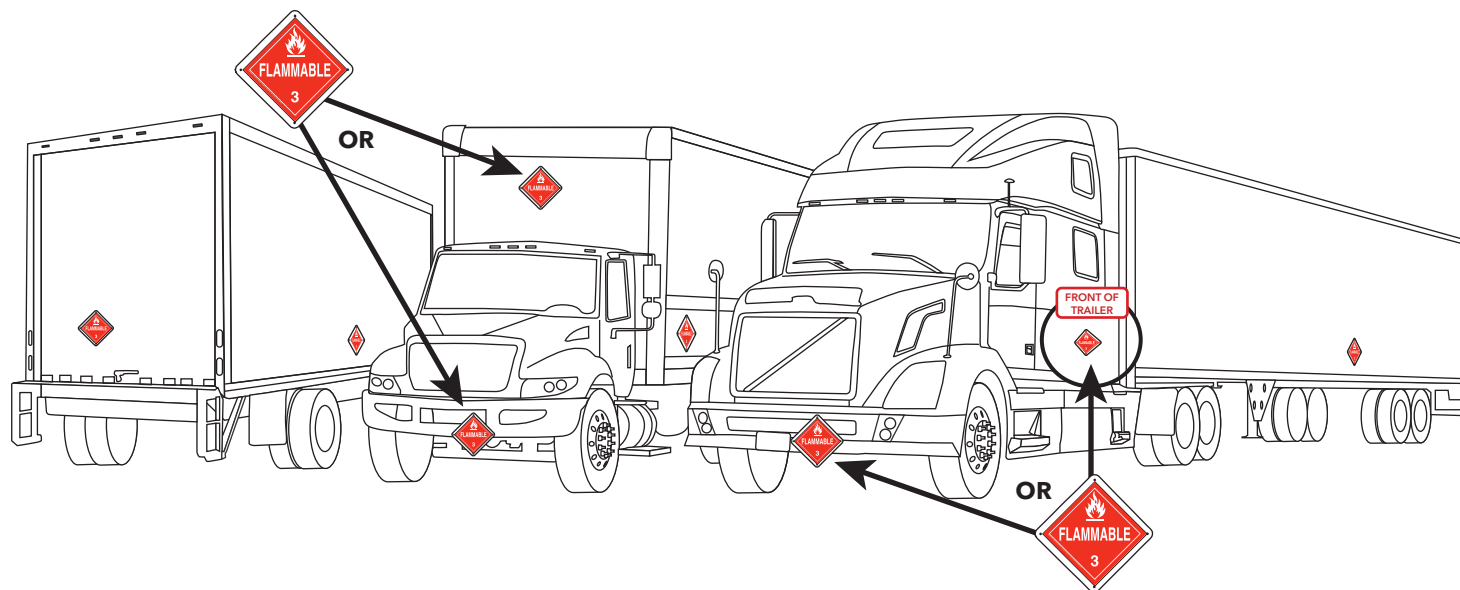


# PLACARDS



**PLACARDS** alert people to the potential dangers associated with the particular hazmat contained in a motor vehicle, rail car, freight container, unit load device, or packaging. Placards help emergency response personnel properly identify and respond to potential hazards when responding to a hazardous materials incident.

Each bulk packaging, freight container, unit load device, transport vehicle, or rail car containing hazardous material ***must be placarded on each side and each end*** (with some exceptions) with the type of placards specified in Table 1 or Table 2 of section 172.504.

Placards must be readily visible from the direction they face, except from the direction of another vehicle or rail car to which the motor vehicle or rail car is coupled. Placards displayed on freight containers, or on portable tanks loaded on a vehicle or rail car, may satisfy this requirement.

The placard placement for the front of a motor vehicle may be on the front of the truck-tractor instead of, or in addition to, the placard on the front of the cargo-carrying body (trailer, semitrailer, etc.).